
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

RONALD LEE ALEXANDER,

Plaintiff,

versus

BRAD LIVINGSTON,

Defendant.

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CIVIL ACTION H-07-3051

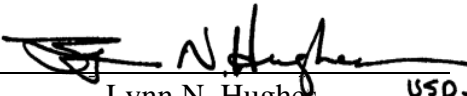
Opinion on Dismissal

Ronald Lee Alexander has applied for a writ of mandamus against the executive director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Alexander requests enforcement of this court's decree in *Lamar v. Coffield* on the Stiles Unit in Beaumont, Texas.

A writ of mandamus in federal court authorizes the court to compel an officer of the United States to perform his duty. 28 U.S.C. § 1361. This court does not have jurisdiction to issue a writ of mandamus against a state officer. Even against a federal officer, this remedy should only be used in exceptional circumstances. *Association of American Medical Colleges v. Califano*, 569 F.2d 101, 110 n. 80 (D.C. Cir. 1977). Furthermore, Alexander must seek equitable relief for violations of the *Lamar* decree in that case. *Gillespie v. Crawford*, 858 F.2d 1101 (5th Circ. 1988) (*en banc*).

Alexander's application for a writ of mandamus is denied.

Signed on October 16, 2007, at Houston, Texas.


Lynn N. Hughes
United States District Judge